

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A liquid-crystal display panel comprising:

a plurality of pixels; and

a columnar spacer formed and disposed on a portion of a surface of a multi-layered film, said film formed on a surface of a substrate facing a transparent electrode provided in at least a part of pixels among a plurality of pixel portions forming a liquid-crystal display panel, said portion of said multi-layered film having little variation in thickness that is disposed in a contact hole,

wherein said columnar spacer is formed on a transparent electrode film; and

wherein in the region below the contact hole, the transparent electrode film is formed on and in direct contact with a signal electrode, the signal electrode being formed on and in direct contact with an insulating film, and said insulating film being formed on and in direct contact with said substrate, and

wherein a cross-sectional area of said columnar spacer is smaller than the contact hole and further wherein said columnar spacer contacts said signal electrode via said transparent electrode.

2. (Original) A liquid-crystal display panel according to claim 1, wherein said part of said pixel portion having little variation in film thickness is a contact hole.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) ~~A liquid-crystal display panel according to claim 1, A~~
liquid-crystal display panel comprising:

a plurality of pixels; and

a columnar spacer formed and disposed on a portion of a surface of a multi-layered film, said film formed on a surface of a substrate facing a transparent electrode provided in at

least a part of pixels among a plurality of pixel portions forming a liquid-crystal display panel, said portion of said multi-layered film having little variation in thickness that is disposed in a contact hole,

wherein said columnar spacer is formed on a pixel electrode, and passes through a transparent electrode film,

wherein in the region below the contact hole, the transparent electrode film is formed on and in direct contact with said pixel electrode, the pixel electrode being formed on and in direct contact with an insulating film, said insulating film being formed on and in direct contact with said substrate, and

wherein a cross-sectional area of said columnar spacer is smaller than the contact hole and further wherein said columnar spacer contacts said signal electrode via said transparent electrode.

5. (Original) A liquid-crystal display panel according to claim 1, wherein said columnar spacer is made of a material selected from a group consisting of an inorganic material and an organic material.

6. (Previously Amended) A liquid-crystal display panel according to claim 1, wherein the type of said liquid-crystal display panel is one type selected from a group consisting of a color type and a monochrome type.

7. (Currently Amended) A method for manufacturing a liquid-crystal display panel comprising:

forming in each of a plurality of pixel regions on a substrate a color film, a signal electrode, a gate electrode, and a pixel electrode;

forming a transparent electrode film thereover;

then forming a columnar spacer on said transparent electrode film ~~minimally~~ at least in a part of contact holes provided on said pixel regions; and

then disposing an opposing substrate on which is formed an opposing common transparent electrode so as to oppose said transparent electrode film,

wherein a cross-sectional area of said columnar spacer is smaller than the contact hole.

8. (Currently Amended) A method for manufacturing a liquid-crystal display panel comprising:

forming in each of a plurality of pixel regions on a substrate a color film having contact holes, a signal electrode, a gate electrode, ~~and a transparent~~ pixel electrode;

then forming a columnar spacer on said transparent pixel electrode ~~film minimally at least~~ in a part of said contact holes provided on said pixel regions;

forming a transparent electrode film on said color film, signal electrode, gate electrode, and pixel electrode, with the exception of said columnar spacer; and

then disposing an opposing substrate on which is formed an opposing common transparent electrode so as to oppose said transparent electrode film, with interposing said columnar spacer therebetween,

wherein a cross-sectional area of said columnar spacer is smaller than the contact hole and further wherein said columnar spacer contacts said signal electrode via said transparent electrode.

9. (Original) A method for manufacturing a liquid-crystal display panel according to claim 7, wherein said columnar spacer is made of a material selected from a group consisting of an inorganic material and an organic material.

10. (Previously Added) A liquid-crystal display panel according to claim 1, wherein said variation in the thickness of said portion of said multi-layer films is 0.1 μm to 0.2 μm .

11. (Previously Added) A liquid-crystal display panel according to claim 1, wherein said variation in the thickness of said portion of said multi-layer films is within several tens of angstroms.

12. (Previously Added) A liquid-crystal display panel according to claim 1, wherein said variation in the thickness of said portion of said multi-layer films is within several hundreds of angstroms.

13.- 16. (Cancelled)